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SUBJECT: JOHN PETERS TEMBO

REF: LUSAKA 835 (NOTAL)

1. AAMBIAN CITIZEN JOHN PETERS TEMBO LANDED LOURENCO MARQUES APRIL 23. ON MAY 5 HE VISITED CONGEN AND RECITED LONG AND SAD STORY. TEMBO CLAIMED INTER ALIA: (1) HE IS PHD CANDIDATE AT UNIV. MINNESOTA AND CARRYING OUT RESEARCH IN "HISTORY OF TRIBAL MOVEMENTS" FOR THAT UNIVERSITY'S DR. ALLEN ISAACMAN; (2) HE RECEIVES \$500 PER MONTH FROM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WHICH IS "FULBRIGHT-SPONSORED"; (3) HE WROTE LETTERS TO UNIVERSITY OF LOURENCO MARQUES RECTOR AND TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT EXPLAINING PURPOSE OF COMING TO MOZAMBIQUE, THEN VISITED THEM AFTER ARRIVAL; (4) HE HAD KEPT AFTER THEM SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT FOR LIVING EXPENSES UNTIL "COMMUNICATIONS SEEMED TO BREAK DOWN"; (5) HE WAS BROKE; (6) HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. TEMBO SHOWED PAO THICK FILE OF CORRESPONDENCE MOST OF WHICH SHOWED CASES OF RECURRENT IMPECUNIOSITY AND HIS EFFORTS TO RELIEVE SAME. ONE LETTER INDICATED ISAACMAN HAD SENT CHECK TO HIM FOR \$250 AS LATE AS JANUARY 1975, HOWEVER. TEMBO HAD NO U.S. VISA AND SEEMED A PHONEY. YOUR CABLE VERIFIED FACT.
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EM ON MAY 7 PAO TOLD TEMBO WE HAD INFORMATION TEMBO WAS NOT CONNECTED WITH EITHER UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA OR UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, CONGEN HAD NO FUNDS FOR DESTITUTE ZAMBIANS AND SUGGESTED HE CONTACT RESIDENT ZAMBIAN OFFICIAL FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE.

COMMENT: TEMBO'S TALENTS SEEM EQUALLY DIVIDED INTO PUTTING WORDS INTO PEOPLES' MOUTHS AND PASSING HIMSELF OFF AS SOMETHING HE ISN'T. THE LAST THING WE NEED AT THIS TIME IS A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER CLAIMING CONNECTION WITH U.S. UNIVERSITY AND PANHANDLING. PAO WILL WRITE ISAACMAN, A RECOGNIZED SCOLAR ON MOZAMBIQUE WITH MANY CONTACTS HERE, OF WHOLE AFFAIR. WILL POUCH REFTEL TO WASHINGTON. JACOBSEN

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